

Amendments to the Claims

1-18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A corner protector having opposite front and rear faces configured so as to embrace between them, in use, a corner edge region comprising the opposed front and rear external surfaces of a picture frame, and side edge portions disposed at an angle and extending between the front and rear faces for primarily covering the corner edge region of the frame, at least one of said opposite faces being triangular in plan view and resilient and smoothly bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of the picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance.

20. (previously presented) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the front and rear faces of the protector is at least partially transparent.

21. (previously presented) A corner protector in combination with a card or paper sleeve for carrying at least one of identifying and advertising material, the corner protector having opposite frame-embracing faces, at least one of said opposite frame-embracing faces being resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of a picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance, wherein at least one of the opposite frame-embracing faces of the protector is at least partially transparent, and wherein the card or paper sleeve is configured to fit inside the protector so that the transparent portion of the protector enables a display face of the sleeve to be viewed, whereby at least one of the identifying and advertising material can be provided on the display face and viewed through the transparent portion.

22. (previously presented) A corner protector in accordance with claim 19, wherein at least one of said front and rear faces of the protector is selected to be one of the group comprising: ribbed, dimpled, inherently corrugated and just roughened, whereby its frictional grip in use is enhanced.

23. (previously presented) A corner protector in combination with a frame, the corner protector having opposite frame-embracing faces, at least one of said opposite frame-embracing faces being resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of a picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance, wherein at least one of the opposite frame-embracing faces of the protector has one or more of a protrusion or a recess, or a combination of at least one of each, whereby its frictional grip in use is enhanced, and wherein a surface of the frame, at a corner region has one or more protrusions and/or recesses so that, as the protector is pushed onto the frame corner region in use, the one or more protrusions and/or recesses of the protector surface will one of slide and snap into the one or more protrusions or recesses of the frame surface.

24. (currently amended) A corner protector according to claim 23, wherein the one or more of a protrusion or a recess, or a combination of at least one of each, ~~protrusions and/or recesses~~ are formed in an edge surface of the frame.

25. (previously presented) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the front and rear faces is concavely bowed.

26. (previously presented) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein the corner protector further includes at least one outward projecting portion which may be used by an operator in removing or placing the corner protector on a frame's corner.

27. (previously presented) A corner protector according to claim 20 used in combination with a card or paper sleeve fitted, in use, inside the protector so that a transparent portion of at least one of the front and rear faces of the protector enables the sleeve to be viewed through the transparent portion.